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SUMMARY: WE THINK WE'VE MADE IT. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAS NOW MET WITH HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE (EXECUTIVE SESSION); CONGRESSMAN MOORHEAD TOGETHER WITH SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING BELLA ABZUG; HOUSE MINORITY LEADER RHODES; SENATOR MCGOVERN; CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF; AND THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE (IN EXECUTIVE SESSION). HE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (AGAIN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION) FEBRUARY 7. ONLY CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND MOORHEAD SUB-COMMITTEE STAFF STILL QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF CONCLUDING AGREEMENT IN PRESENT FORM.

2. WHILE WE STILL LOOKING NERVOUSLY OVER OUR SHOULDER AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF SUDDEN ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT IN MANNER OF BYRD AMENDMENT, WE ARE PERMITTING OURSELVES FOR THE FIRST TIME TO BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE IT.

3. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF STILL PLANS INTRODUCE SOME SORT OF
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SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION ON EXCESS CURRENCY NEGOTI-

ATIONS, BUT IT NOW LIKELY ANY SUCH RESOLUTION WILL ADDRESS

POSSIBLE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT AFFECT INDO-US
RUPEE AGREEMENT.

4. MOORHEAD SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION STAFFERS PUSHED AGRESSIVELY FOR
SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO GAO FOR LEGAL DETERMINATION
AND FOR USE OUR RETAINED RUPEES FOR PAYMENT OF INDIAN
IMPORT DUTIES ON DEVELOPMENT IMPORTS FROM U.S. (ON
WHICH WE POUCHING SOME MATERIAL). KISSINGER

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